



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Kim L. Richardson

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For: PAYMENT METHODS FOR ON-LINE FUNERAL HOME MEMORIALS

§ Group Art Unit: 3626

§ Examiner: Natalie Pass

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with a Request For Continuation Examination (RCE) as part of the response to the Final Office Action dated August 1, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 1, 2005. A Petition for Extension of Time is being transmitted concurrently herewith, extending the time for response three (3) months, up to and including February 1, 2006, along with a check as payment of the extension fee. Accordingly, the RCE and Preliminary Amendment are timely filed. Please enter this Preliminary Amendment and reconsider the claim pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.